

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chairman Donald J. Steinbeisser, on March 31, 2009
at 3:30 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 664, 3/26/2009

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 664

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:47 Rep. Mike Jopek (D), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 664, Interim committee to study revision of milk laws--
approp.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:45 Krista Lee Evans, Country Classic Dairies (CCD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:41 George Harris, Administrator, Centralized Services,
Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:16 Sen. Hansen
00:05:36 Rep. Jopek
00:05:41 Sen. Hansen
00:06:04 Rep. Jopek
00:07:00 Sen. Hansen
00:07:38 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:08:12 Sen. Ripley
00:08:37 Rep. Jopek
00:08:43 Sen. Ripley
00:08:49 Ms. Evans, CCD
00:09:22 Sen. Ripley
00:09:31 Ms. Evans, CCD
00:09:58 Sen. Ripley
00:10:10 Sen. Brown
00:11:02 Rep. Jopek
00:11:35 Sen. Ripley
00:12:16 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:14:06 Sen. Larsen
00:14:57 Rep. Jopek
00:16:14 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:16:20 Rep. Jopek
00:16:34 Mr. Harris, DOL
00:17:55 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:18:03 Mr. Harris, DOL

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:51 Rep. Jopek

00:20:03 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:20:21 Recess

00:25:52 Reconvene

Discussion:

00:26:01 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:27:28 Sen. Larsen

00:27:31 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:27:37 Sen. Ripley

00:27:52 Sen. Brown

00:27:56 Sen. Larsen

00:28:05 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:28:23 Sen. Ripley

00:28:35 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:28:43 Sen. Brown

00:28:47 Sen. Ripley

00:28:49 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:29:10 Sen. Brown

00:29:22 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:29:49 Sen. Larsen

00:29:54 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved to send the letter that was drafted regarding **HB 445** be mailed.

Discussion regarding the mailing list:

00:30:01 Sen. Murphy

00:30:21 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:30:39 Sen. Ripley

00:30:53 Chairman Steinbeisser

00:31:00 Sen. Ripley

00:31:05 Sen. Hansen

00:31:27 Sen. Brown

00:32:08 Sen. Murphy

00:32:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([ags71aad.pdf](#))